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1. There are war damages in Lepaya which were not there after the first destruction in the [redacted]. There are few new buildings, and most ruins have merely been cleared away and squares established instead. For example, the Rātsi iela (square) in the center of the town is now several times larger than before. Of the famous buildings around the Rātsi iela, only the former house of the Latvian Society still stands. It is now the Navy House for the Soviet Navy. It was not until [redacted] that the clearing away of the ruins of the former Army Store began, and work is going on there at present.
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2. Most streets have different names now. The names are given usually in the Russian language only, but some streets are marked in both Latvian and Russian. Informant recalls that the names of Brivibas iela and Rīgas iela have not been changed. The names of the following well-known streets have been changed:

Old Name	New Name
Graudu iela	Karl Marks iela
Ulica iela	Uzvaras iela
Peldu iela	Komjaunatnes iela
Kurmajas prospekt	Pademju prospekt

3. There are four streetcar lines in Lepaya. These streetcars are marked only with the number, not the destination. Line No. 2 goes to the bridge at the Naval Harbor. Line No. 1 does not follow the former Graudu iela, as before, but now goes along some other street. At night the lines can be distinguished only by their colored lights. Informant recalls that in the case of lines Nos. 1 and 2, both of which leave from Rātsi iela, one has green lights and the other yellow. Informant does not remember which line has which color. The streetcar fare is 30 kopeks. There are only a few taxis in Lepaya.
4. New features in Lepaya are the many snack bars on the street corners. They are called *Cafe - Salniecekai*, but are usually referred to simply

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5. [REDACTED] there are still partisans in Latvia. [REDACTED]
referred to them as bandits, since he believed all their activity consisted
of robbing the population for food. [REDACTED] did not know any details
as to time or place of such activities. 25X1A
6. There is a lady dentist for the rayon, at the corner of Ulica Seta/Kurmajas prospekt.
7. The town of Lepaya is restricted area No. 1. The coastal area along the
Baltic Sea is restricted area No. 2.

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1. [REDACTED] Comment. At another point in his testimony, informant
stated that line No. 1 had red lights and line No. 2 had either
green or yellow lights.

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2 [REDACTED] Comment. It appears that [REDACTED] knows nothing about partisan
activity, and he merely adopted the official Soviet description of
these partisans in calling them bandits. 25X1A

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